

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 1309

EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARD L. SNEIDER, C/O EA/K

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, EAGR, SHUM, KS, US  
SUBJECT: ROKG REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY SUPPLY  
AND CREDIT

REF: SEOUL 1192

1. ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH EPB ASST. MIN. CHOI SUN-RAY  
AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 16. CHOI REPORTED THE COUNCIL OF  
ECONOMIC MINISTERS HAD MET THAT MORNING. IT HAD TALKED  
ABOUT PL-480 FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND HAD CONCLUDED (PRESUMABLY  
THIS WAS A CONSENSUS) THAT IT COULD NOT RECOMMEND SIGNING  
BECAUSE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. THE INDONESIAN SIDE-  
LETTER FORMULA DID NOT AVOID THAT ISSUE.

2. THE DEPT WOULD NEXT TAKE THE QUESTION TO THE PRIME  
MINISTER, WHERE THE POLITICAL INPUT (THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS  
WERE EXCLUSIVELY ECONOMIC) WOULD BE MADE. CHOI WAS NOT  
HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE A REVERSAL. HE  
THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE A DECISION EARLY NEXT WEEK. THE  
DPM WOULD THEN EXPLAIN THE MATTER TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER  
WHEN HE RETURNED.

3. CHOI SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUE, THE ROKG WAS CONCERNED THAT IT WAS TAKING  
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LIMITED PL-480 FUNDS AWAY FROM POORER COUNTRIES.  
HOWEVER, IF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WERE SOLVED, THEY  
WOULD SIGN IMMEDIATELY.

4. WE INTERPRET THIS NEW REASON FOR BEING RELUCTANT  
TO ACCEPT PL-480 AS ESTABLISHING A FACE-SAVING REASON  
TO BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC WHEN THE FACT OF NO-MORE-

PL-480 BECOMES PUBLIC.

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